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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO
NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED JANUARY 5, 2006**

Dear Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed on January 5, 2006, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and remarks.

Applicants hereby authorize the Commissioner to charge the requisite fee of \$250.00 for new claim 28, as well as any other fees deemed necessary to advance prosecution of the present patent application at this or any other time, to Deposit Account No.: 03-0335; Order No.: OTD-030414